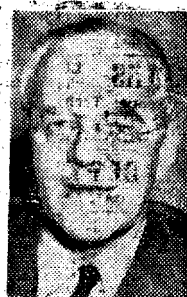


AS CIA CHIEF SEES IT

# Russia's Women Have Equality 'Overdose'

Russian women not only have as many opportunities during and after their schooling as men do—they “suffer from an overdose of equality,” according to Central Intelligence Director Allen W. Dulles.

Altho women total three-fourths of Russia's medical students, 80 per cent of its education students and a third of its engineering students, women also draw “the vast majority of heavy unskilled tasks in both industry and agriculture,” Mr. Dulles said.



Mr. Dulles

“Two-thirds of the heavy farm work is done by Soviet women, and they constitute half of the industrial force,” he said.

“Soviet wives and mothers are found in such varied jobs as stevedore, construction laborer, coal miner, logger, snow remover, furnace stoker, porter, railroad repair worker, steel puddler, road builder, truck and tractor driver, etc.

“Women even have jobs as sailors. Some 22 per cent of the sailors on the river fleet of the Soviet Union are women.”

## SPEECH HERE

In a brief report on women's education in the Soviet Union, Mr. Dulles recently gave the 1955 graduates of Mt. Vernon Junior College and Seminary here a rare glimpse at life behind the Iron Curtain.

This year's graduates—who included Mr. Dulles' niece—go into “quite a different world” than his mother or even his sisters (all Mt. Vernon graduates) did, Mr. Dulles said.

It is made different not only by two wars, communism and the atomic age, but also by “new opportunities and new responsibilities young women of today have to meet,” he said.

## CLOSE STUDY

The talk was a sort of companion piece to a speech Mr. Dulles made later at Columbia University—in which he said CIA recently has

“been giving close study” to Russia's schools, and added:

“The key to the future of any society lies very largely in its educational system.”

“Many countries,” Mr. Dulles told the girls at Mt. Vernon, “... are trying to show us that they go even farther than we in putting men and women on a basis of complete equality.”

“But maybe they go even farther than you would like.”

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Soviet girls must have had 10 years of mathematics, 7 of foreign languages, 5 of physics, 4 of biology and chemistry and a year of astronomy to graduate from high school, he said.

“Unpractical” subjects—music, art, dancing—must be found outside the schools, and are limited to “the unusually gifted girl.”

Mr. Dulles then read an account “of a young American girl in the fifth grade of a Soviet school.”

One course—military science—“consisted in studying how to take a gun apart, put it together, fire it; how to operate a gas mask; and endless marching thru the streets,” the account said.

“By the end of the year we had to have memorized all our textbooks, probably over 3000 pages—this at the age of 11.”

## INCREASING

In the Columbia speech Mr. Dulles pointed out that by 1960, Russian high schools will be graduating four to five times as many students as they did in 1950.

He saw a potential gain for the free world in the increased numbers being educated in Russia.

“In introducing mass education the troubled Soviet leaders have loosed forces dangerous to themselves,” he said. “It will be very difficult for them henceforth to close off their own people from access to the realities of the outside world.”